

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1–24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Murray et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,011,699). Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 19–20 have been canceled. For at least the following reasons, the examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

Murray does not disclose or teach that “the convex portion is fitted in the concave portion when the first and second casings are folded” as recited in claim 1. Murray discloses a surface 1106 of a protrusion 1102 on the bottom housing 108 that meets with a surface 1104 of a protrusion on the top housing 102 (col. 9, lines 32–35; Fig. 11). In Murray, the protrusions enable a gap 1108 to be formed between the top housing 102 and bottom housing 108 when the housings are folded together (col. 9, lines 35–40; Fig. 11). Since the protrusion 1102 of the bottom housing 108 meets with the protrusion of the top housing 102, Murray does not teach that the protrusion 1102 of the bottom housing 108 is fitted in any concave portion of the top housing 102. Thus, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regards to claim 4, Murray does not disclose or teach “when the device is placed on the plane in the condition in which the second casing is opened from the first casing, a bottom surface of the first casing and a contact portion of the second casing are brought into contact with the plane” as recited in claim 4. Since Murray discloses that only the bottom surface of the bottom housing is brought into contact with a plane when the bottom housing is opened from the

top housing (Fig. 2), Murray fails to teach a contact portion of the top housing. Therefore, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regards to claim 9, Murray does not disclose or teach “when the device is placed on the plane in the condition in which the second casing is opened from the first casing, a lower side portion of bottom surface of the first casing and a contact portion of the second casing are brought into contact with the plane” as recited in claim 9. Since Murray discloses that only the bottom surface of the bottom housing is brought into contact with a plane when the bottom housing is opened from the top housing (Fig. 2), Murray fails to teach a contact portion of the top housing. Therefore, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regards to claim 14, Murray does not disclose or teach “a first concave portion for putting a finger formed on an antenna accommodation portion to accommodate the antenna of the first casing” as recited in claim 14. Murray discloses a finger locator 124 on the top surface 122 of the top housing 108 (col. 8, lines 35–46; Fig. 1). However, Murray does not disclose a concave portion formed on any part of an antenna accommodation portion. Therefore, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

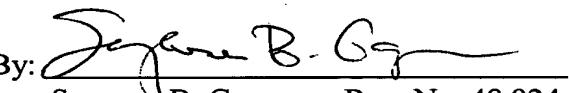
With regards to claim 17, Murray does not disclose or teach “a battery pack accommodation unit provided between the other side surface of the first casing and the antenna accommodation portion” as recited in claim 17. Since Murray discloses that the battery pack accommodation unit provided below an antenna accommodation portion (Fig. 7), Murray fails to teach a battery pack accommodation unit provided between an antenna accommodation portion and the other side surface of the bottom housing. Therefore, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

With regards to claim 21, Murray does not disclose or teach “an auxiliary support plate mounted in the casing so that the support plate is extended to the vicinity of the antenna accommodation portion, the auxiliary support plate partitions a space in which the antenna is accommodated, together with a side portion of the inner surface of the casing, and the circuit board and the antenna are shielded” as recited in claim 21. Similar language is found in claim 23. Since Murray disclose only one chassis 710 in bottom housing 108, Murray fails to disclose an auxiliary support plate in the bottom housing. Therefore, Murray does not disclose or teach all the elements of the claimed invention.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

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